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November 1, 2011

The Honorable Doug Bosco, Chair  
State Coastal Conservancy,  
1330 Broadway, Suite 1300  
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**Re: Carmel Beach Access Improvements Proposal**

Dear Mr. Chairman:

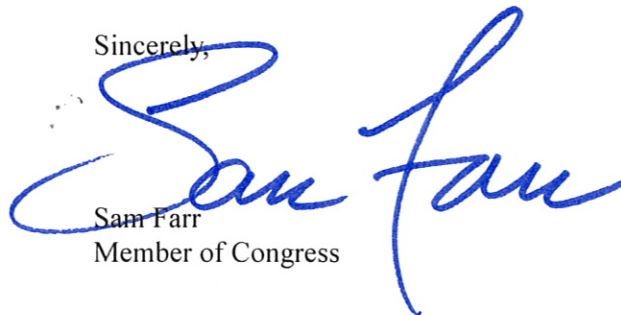
I am writing to share my support for the proposed grant of up to \$250,000 to the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea to prepare final plans and construct coastal access improvements at Carmel Beach.

As you well know, Carmel Beach is among California's most visited coastal destinations. The parking and circulation pattern above Carmel Beach has been congested for a long time. Additionally, the spread of invasive species has degraded the nearby dune areas. The City proposes to address these problems by reconfiguring the parking area and enhancing beach access with a new turn-around to allow vehicles to avoid driving through the parking area. In addition, the City plans to resurface existing sidewalks, build a new pedestrian path, a new ADA-accessible bluff top boardwalk, a view platform, interpretive signage, and restore key dune habitat areas. Today the bluff top terrace and streets above Carmel Beach are developed with numerous beach access boardwalks, paths, stairways and landscaped on-street parking areas. With the Coastal Conservancy's funding support, the City can make this special place that much more accessible and attractive while further protecting the surrounding area's unique dune habitat.

Finally, given the tight funding situation in state government, it's significant to me that Conservancy funds will be matched by \$200,000 in Monterey County Transportation funds awarded to the City for this project, plus \$15,000 in City funds for project management.

Thank you for your attention to this request.

Sincerely,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sam Farr". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Sam" and last name "Farr" clearly distinguishable.

Sam Farr  
Member of Congress

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October 31, 2011

Doug Bosco, Chair  
California State Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, Suite 1300  
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Chair Bosco:

This letter is to express my support for the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea's grant application for \$250,000 from the California State Coastal Conservancy to implement the remaining elements of the Del Mar Master Plan on Carmel Beach.

Carmel Beach receives several million visitors each year and, as delineated in the Del Mar Master Plan, Carmel-by-the-Sea aims to improve Beach access, as well as restore native habitat. The improvements to be made by the City include, but are not limited to, enhancing accessibility in the parking area; constructing an ADA accessible boardwalk and viewing platform; constructing a pedestrian pathway; and restoring four acres of dunes by removing invasive species and returning the native dune habitat.

Carmel-by-the-Sea is diligently working to improve access to Carmel Beach, as well as restore the natural habitat of the dunes. The City has dedicated some of its own funds and has secured additional funds to ensure that this project meets the goals established in the Del Mar Master Plan, and I respectfully request your support for the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea's grant for \$250,000 to restore Carmel Beach. Should you have any questions regarding my support, please do not hesitate to contact me at (831) 649-2832.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM W. MONNING  
Assemblymember, 27<sup>th</sup> District

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October 26, 2011

Mr. Doug Bosco, Chair  
State Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, Suite 1300  
Oakland, CA 94612

**Re: Support for the Carmel Beach Access Improvements Proposal**

Dear Chairman Bosco:

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Conservancy funds will be matched by \$200,000 in Monterey County Transportation funds awarded to the City for this project, plus \$15,000 in City funds for project management.

I strongly encourage your board to support this project and help improve access to our coastal resources.

Sincerely,

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Sam Blakeslee  
Senator, 15<sup>th</sup> District

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October 26, 2011

Mr. Doug Bosco, Chair  
State Coastal Conservancy,  
1330 Broadway, Suite 1300  
Oakland, CA 94612

**Re: Support for the Carmel Beach Access Improvements Proposal**

Dear Chairman Bosco:

As a resident of Carmel-by-the-Sea and 5<sup>th</sup> District Supervisor of Monterey County, I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for the proposed grant of up to \$250,000 to the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea to prepare final plans and construct coastal access improvements at Carmel Beach, one of California's premiere coastal destinations enjoyed by several million visitors each year.

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Finally, given the tight funding situation in state government, it's significant to me that Conservancy funds will be matched by \$200,000 in Monterey County Transportation funds awarded to the City for this project, plus \$15,000 in City funds for project management.

For many years my family has visited Carmel Beach. We have had family picnics, I have watched my children build sand castles, I have walked the trail with numerous residents, dignitaries and public officials and yet I am always perplexed at the lack of parking and visitor friendly beach access. I strongly encourage your board to endorse this exciting project.

Sincerely,

*Dave Potter*  
Dave Potter  
Supervisor, Fifth District

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City of Sand City • City of Seaside • City of Soledad • County of Monterey*

October 19, 2011

Mr. Doug Bosco, Chair  
State Coastal Conservancy,  
1330 Broadway, Suite 1300  
Oakland, CA 94612

**Re: Support for the Carmel Beach Access Improvements Proposal**

Dear Chairman Bosco:

On behalf of Monterey-Salinas Transit (MST), the public transit operator for Monterey County, I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for the proposed grant of up to \$250,000 to the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea to prepare final plans and construct coastal access improvements at Carmel Beach, one of California's premiere coastal destinations enjoyed by several million visitors each year.

For too long the parking and circulation pattern above Carmel Beach has been constrained and congested, and nearby dune areas degraded by uncontrolled access and the spread of invasive non-native species. In fact, within the last two years, MST has operated a free trolley in partnership with the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea which serves the beach area and often is caught in the congestion generated by the parking and circulation problems at the beach parking area. To address these concerns the City proposes to reconfigure the parking area and enhance beach access by constructing a new turn-around to allow vehicles, including emergency vehicles, to avoid driving through the parking area. In addition, funds will be used to resurface existing sidewalks, build a new pedestrian path and a new ADA-accessible blufftop boardwalk and view platform, install interpretive signage, and restore key dune habitat areas.

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I strongly encourage your board to endorse this exciting and much needed beach access and circulation improvement project.

Sincerely,

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Hunter Harvath, AICP  
Assistant General Manager –  
Finance & Administration

c: Hon. Sue McCloud, *Mayor – City of Carmel-by-the-Sea*

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**monterey peninsula regional park district**

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*Sent via Facsimile and USPS*

October 31, 2011

Mr. Doug Bosco, Chair  
 California State Coastal Conservancy  
 1330 Broadway, Suite 1300  
 Oakland, CA 94612

**Re: Support for the Carmel Beach Access Improvements Proposal.**

Dear Chairman Bosco:

On behalf of the Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District (MPRPD) Board of Directors, I am writing in support of the proposal before the California State Coastal Conservancy from the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea to develop final plans to improve coastal access and restore the ecological integrity of iconic Carmel Beach.

The City is an important and respected partner of MPRPD. We understand well the parking and traffic constraints associated with this popular coastal access location. The District also joins the City in acknowledging the ecological need to address the degradation of the dune system and the impacts of invasive plants on the quality of this threatened coastal habitat.

The solutions outlined in the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea proposal are thoughtful and effective ways to improve public safety and access for all who visit the beach. The approach outlined in the proposal addresses these issues in cost effective, aesthetic and ecologically sound ways. The District strongly supports the ADA accessibility and interpretive components of the plan, as well as the focus on dune habitat restoration.

The City has dedicated significant time and resources in maintaining and improving the public infrastructure associated with the beach and uplands over the last quarter century. This essential work serves as the foundation for the proposal before you. By funding the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea's request the Conservancy will catalyze a \$200,000 match of Monterey County Transportation funds and an additional \$15,000 of City funds earmarked for this important project.

It is the hope of MPRPD that the Conservancy recognizes both the need and importance of this project and the coastal jewel it will benefit. Please support the Carmel Beach Access Improvements project.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Lagier Fellguth, Ph.D.  
 President

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cc: City of Carmel-by-the-Sea  
 MPRPD Board of Directors



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October 27, 2011

Mr. Doug Bosco, Chair  
State Coastal Conservancy,  
1330 Broadway, Suite 1300  
Oakland, CA 94612

**Re: Support for the Carmel Beach Access Improvements Proposal**

Dear Chairman Bosco:

As president of the Carmel Innkeepers Association, representing 45 inns and hotels in Carmel, I am writing to express my strong support for the proposed grant of up to \$250,000 to the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea to prepare final plans and construct coastal access improvements at Carmel Beach. Carmel Beach is one of the premiere coastal destinations enjoyed by several million visitors each year.

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Sincerely,

Carrie Theis  
President





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Sincerely,



WILLIAM H. LEAHY, II  
Executive Director  
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Sincerely,

*Monta M. Potter*

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Chief Executive Officer  
Carmel Chamber of Commerce